



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Islands, the most isolated population center on earth, are solely reliant on precipitation to meet drinking water and all other freshwater needs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources works to protect Hawai'i's precious water resources and forested watersheds; and

WHEREAS, access to safe drinking water and responsible, sustainable water management are critical to public and environmental health in our communities and imperative to a recovering and growing economy throughout the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health works with public water systems to ensure that safe drinking water is delivered reliably to residents and that wastewater is disposed of properly to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, over 130 regulated public water systems deliver clean and reliable drinking water to nearly 100 percent of residents, businesses, and industries across the State of Hawai'i, amounting to approximately 220 million gallons of water each day; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is facing an uncertain climate future, and the best available information indicates Hawai'i will experience a drier climate that threatens our natural water supplies and existing water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, addressing the critical water infrastructure needs in our urban and rural communities has and will continue to be a fundamental and foremost need in our state and counties; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu, County of Maui, and County of Kaua'i have joined in this year's campaign to promote the value and importance of water and wastewater treatment, the associated infrastructure, and our water-gathering native forests;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2020 as the day for residents of the State of Hawai'i to

"IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER"

and ask them to join me in recognizing the importance of protecting our fresh water—the precious lifeblood of our islands—and the need for maintaining the critical infrastructure that allow our residents to enjoy reliable and clean water service at the turn of the tap.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of September 2020.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i